

Klein Faces Senators Today in Dodd Probe

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Julius Klein, the Chicago public relations man accused of using Sen. Thomas J. Dodd as an "errand boy," appears before the Senate Ethics Committee today in the continuing probe of misconduct allegations against Dodd.

Klein, a registered foreign agent for West German interests, was in that country last months when the committee held four days of public hearings on his relationship with the Connecticut Democrat.

Dodd, who attended all of the previous committee sessions, is not expected to be present today. As chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee's subcommittee of juvenile delinquency, he has scheduled a hearing at the same hour on rehabilitation of your narcotic addicts.

Queries on Dodd Trip

Klein is expected to be questioned extensively about his role in the planning and conduct of Dodd's April 1964 trip to West Germany. Sen. John C. Stennis, D-Miss., the Ethics Committee chairman, described that trip last month as "a critical element" in the relationship between the two men.

Today's hearing is expected to be the last in the first phase of the committee's investigation into charges originally leveled against Dodd by syndicated



JULIUS KLEIN

columnists Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson.

Although no date has yet been announced, the committee is expected to reopen the hearings later and turn its attention to allegations that Dodd misused several hundred thousand dollars in campaign contributions.

The Dodd-Klein relationship goes back to a 1963 Senate Foreign Relations Committee investigation of registered foreign agents, during which Klein faced a day of hostile questioning by Sen. J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., the committee chairman.

At the time, Klein was receiv-

ing several hundred thousand dollars in public relations fees from West German clients of his Chicago firm. However, in a series of letters to Dodd, he claimed that several clients later canceled their contracts because of the unfavorable publicity about the Foreign Relations hearing.

Documents introduced at last month's Ethics Committee hearings showed that in late 1963 and early 1964 Klein repeatedly urged Dodd to make a West German trip to help Klein retain his most important client, the Society for German-American Cooperation.

In his appearance before the committee, Dodd gave several explanations for making the trip, but finally insisted that his sole purpose was to check on the defection of an alleged member of a Soviet murder and espionage ring.

He said the trip was made on official Senate business and authorized by the Senate Internal Security subcommittee, which he heads.

Dodd acknowledged that he was willing to speak in Klein's behalf while in Germany if the question was brought up by German officials, but said he made that decision only because he felt Klein, an old friend, was "the victim of an injustice."

Klein, when he arrived in New York by ship last week, told newsmen he "asked him (Dodd) to speak up for me" but denied he pressured the senator to use the prestige of his office to rescue the public relations clients.

Four former Dodd employees testified last month that Dodd made the trip specifically at Klein's request. Dodd has accused them of removing more than 4,000 documents from his files in an effort to incriminate him.

The senator also has filed a \$2 million libel suit against Pearson and Anderson, charging that they maliciously sought to defame him. That suit is pending in U.S. District Court here. The North Vietnamese threw automatic weapon, small arms and mortar fire at the Leather-necks.

"I've seen more blood today than I ever thought about," said one Marine, James Drum, 20, of Venice, Fla.